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The Sierra Club filed a lawsuit today in federal district court seeking to compel EPA to release a host of records about the activities of Administrator Scott Pruitt, including his schedule, list of meetings and records of communications with outside parties.

"EPA has chosen to engage in a pattern of unlawfully rebuffing, or vaguely and indefinitely delaying response to, FOIA requests from a variety of public-interest requesters, including Sierra Club," the group wrote in its lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The green group originally filed its Freedom of Information Request in June and the agency has not yet produced responsive records nor provided any indication of when it might be able to.

In addition to Pruitt's communications, Sierra Club filed similar requests for several senior EPA officials. They included external communications and calendars of Chief of Staff Ryan Jackson and Associate Administrator Samantha Dravis; records from Pruitt's scheduler and communications between Senior Policy Advisor Mandy Gunasekara and specific members of the National Mining Association.

An EPA spokesperson said the agency would not comment on pending litigation.

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